GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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USE OF OLD MACHINES FOR COAL MINING
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coal production in Murpar and Bandar Coal Mines of Western Coalfields in Maharashtra is being carried out with the help of old machines;

(b) if so, whether the lower production due to such machines has been estimated;

(c) whether the Government has planned to purchase new machines for these mines; and

(d) if so, the time by which new machines will be provided to these coal mines?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARINARAYANA RAO)

(a),(c) and (d): As reported by Coal India Limited, Murpar underground mine is located in Bandar Coal Block. There is no coal mine in the name of Bandar. The production operation is being carried out by Side Discharge Loaders in Murpar underground mine. As a procedural cycle, the old machines which outlive their specified lives, are replaced by new machines. Recently, one such Side Discharge Loader has been surveyed off and has been replaced with higher capacity Load Haul Dumper. Further, two old Side Discharge Loaders have been replaced by one higher capacity Load Haul Dumper. Both the Load Haul Dumpers are in operation at Murpar underground mine.

(b): No, Sir. The low production is mainly due to poor roof condition, thin seam and excessive seepage of water from strata.